

POMEROY PLACE

Southwest corner of Main & River Sts.
Cooperstown, Otsego Township
Otsego County, New York

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Street Address or Location: Cooperstown, Otsego Township, Otsego
County, New York (Corner of Main & River Sts.)

Present Owner: Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital,
Cooperstown, New York

Brief Statement of
Significance: First stone house constructed in the village
of Cooperstown, New York.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners:
George and Ann (Cooper) Pomeroiy
Mrs. Bowers
Mrs. George Stone Benedict
Miss Katharine L. Mather
Mrs. Constance Bishop
Christ Church
Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital
2. Date of erection: 1804
3. Architect, builder, suppliers etc.: Architect, unknown.
Stone work, James Allen (page 139, Birdsall, Story of
Cooperstown. Carpenter and joiner, Cyrenus Clark, "in
masterly & workmanlike manner from the bottom of the seller
to the turning of the Key of the Front door -- good and
workmanlike stairs from the seller to the Trap door on the
Roof." (Page 103-4, Legends of a Northern County, by J. F.
Cooper.
4. Notes on alterations and additions: About 1930 workmen
in the employ of Hopkins & Denty, New York architects and
contractors, commenced extensive repairs and improvements.
In 1957 interior changes weremade under the ownership of the
Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital.

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: None

C. Important Old Views and References: Local History file,
New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, N. Y.

Photographs: 1 before stone fence was erected front and east
side of house.

1 after stone fence was erected front and east
side of house.

(This stone fence is a copy of the one that fronted
Otsego Hall, Cooperstown, New York, the home of
James Fenimore Cooper, the novelist.)

D. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Cooper family papers.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Field stone laid in herringbone design. Under the eastern gable wrought in stone, a spread eagle, date 1804 and initials GAPC (Ann Cooper and George Pomeroy).

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Two stories
2. Foundations: Stone
3. Wall construction: Field stone in the herring-bone design, 20" thick.
4. Chimneys: Four, with stone caps.
5. Openings: a. Doorways and doors: Front facade, recessed doorway, with fanlight.
b. Windows and shutters: Deep windows, inside shutters. Attic of the eastern gable has two windows with 9 panes in upper sash, 6 panes in lower sash. All other windows have 6 panes in upper sash, 6 panes in lower sash.
6. Roof: Gable roof, with tin covering

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Stairways: Central stairway in the old portion, steep and narrow, two flights connected by a landing, with a seat at the landing, small window above the seat.
2. Flooring: Hardwood with border inlay.
3. Wall and ceiling finish: Papered walls.
Plastered ceilings.
4. Lighting: Electricity
5. Heating: Central heating; fireplaces in most of the rooms.

D. Site:

1. Orientation: House faces north, on the southwest corner of Main and River Streets.
2. Enclosures: Field stone fence front and east side has peaked, shingled roof. Is a copy of the fence around the entrance to Otsego Hall, the home of James Fenimore Cooper, Cooperstown, New York.

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